

## Press Release

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### **Congressman to speak at ribbon cutting ceremony for new Grundy Fire Station**

GRUNDY, Va. -- A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Town of Grundy's new fire station will take place Tuesday, April 22 at noon and will feature Congressman Rick Boucher (D-Va-09.) as guest speaker. Other notable speakers will include Mayor Willard Owens, Colonel John D. Rivenburgh, District Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Commonwealth of Virginia Senator Phillip Puckett, and Commonwealth Delegate Jackie Stump.

The new fire station is part of the flood control project for Grundy, Va., authorized by Congress in the 1981 Energy and Water Appropriations Act. The Water Resources Development Act of 1996 directed the Corps of Engineers to proceed with implementation of the Grundy nonstructural project. The project consists of construction of a floodsafe redevelopment site, an access bridge and pedestrian bridge to the redevelopment site, a voluntary floodproofing and floodplain evacuation program and a ringwall. The ringwall, which will encircle numerous businesses in the courthouse area, is an integral part of the project. The existing fire station is located in the alignment of the ringwall and to allow for construction of the ringwall, a

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replacement fire station has been constructed. The existing fire station will be demolished.

A construction contract for the fire station was awarded to Ross Brothers Construction Co., Inc. for \$1.2 million in February 2002. The fire station has four bays which will house two tank trucks, a pump truck, a rescue truck, an equipment truck and a ladder truck. The station also has a hose tower, equipped with a lift, to dry the hoses, restrooms and showers, an office area, a training room and lounge. The fire station will be equipped with an overhead water filling system to fill the trucks. Bricks from the existing fire station have been removed and installed over each door opening of the new fire station.

Refreshments will be served inside the new fire station immediately following the ceremony.